

PARENTS' REVIEW SCHOOL.

Preliminary.

State respecting each pupil :—

1. Baptismal name, date of birth.
2. Height, weight, chest-girth (measuring-tape to pass round body over nipples).
3. Give pencil drawing of hand (carry pencil round hand laid on sheet of paper, palm down, fingers slightly extended). Indicate shape of finger-nails.
4. Does — sleep well, eat well, play vigorously, love to be out of doors ?
5. Is his chest well expanded, his head well carried ? or does he poke or stoop, or sit with rounded shoulders ? Is he light and active in his movements ?
6. Is his sight perfect ? If not, what is the defect ? Are his teeth sound ?
7. Describe, very shortly, his countenance, colouring, features, the shape of his head.
8. Test his power of attention, his memory, and his accuracy, by requiring him to say, after once hearing :—
 Down from the stars sailed the wooden shoe,
 Bringing the fisherman home,
 or some similar couplet which he does not know. Try him again in an hour. Result ?
9. Test his powers of observation by requiring him, without preparation, to name things he has seen in his walk. Result ?
10. What are his special interests, his favourite lessons, stories, games, amusements ?
11. What natural objects—birds, flowers, stones, constellations, etc.—does he know ? What natural features—mountains, rivers, etc ?
12. Send specimens of his writing or printing ; of any handiwork (kinder-garten or other) he can do. Specimens of his sums (in each rule he knows), or careful statements as to the numbers he can add, subtract, etc., with or without objects.
13. Examine him in each subject he has been learning during the last few months, and state definitely what he knows in each *
14. Send some evidence, in the shape of an answer to a question, of his knowledge in each subject. Send specimens of his drawing, dictation, copy-book writing, composition, etc.
15. Can he read ? If so, and if he is a beginner, send a passage he has read for the first time, marking the words he stumbles over.
16. Specify as to (e) and (f) (see p. 312, June No.)
17. Send a list of the *matériel* of your teaching, not only the text-books, copy-books, drawing-books, etc., which the children use, but such as you propose to use in teaching them.

Kindly use discretion in answering the above questions ; some of them apply only to little children now beginning to work.

*This question should be answered carefully, and in detail, especially in the case of older pupils.

Parents' Review School.

EXAMINATION REGULATIONS.

1. Examination to occupy a full school week. Each subject to be examined upon in its own time. In Classes I. and II., each subject to last from 5 to 15 minutes in one day; in Class III. and upwards, to last the time allowed in the Time-table. Examination to begin on Monday.....
2. *Recitations*, two each day, to be heard by the Father when convenient, he giving a remark on each piece. A maximum of 100 to include all Recitations.
3. The Parents should, if possible, be present at the oral parts of the examination.
4. When selections have to be made, as "Describe four" (out of twenty), "Narrate three" (out of twelve), the several lists should be given to the Father, who will mark the three or four to be taken.
5. In Classes Ia., Ib., and II., Mother or Governess writes down the Narratives, French Recitations, &c., in the child's words; Class II. might write one answer in each subject; in III., IV., and over, the pupils write in ink.
6. When there are two or more children in one class, each child may answer, not all, but alternate questions, taking marks as if he had done the whole. 100—maximum marks for any one subject.
7. The Copy-books, Exercise-books, Drawings, &c., of the year to be inspected by the Father, who makes remarks on each Writing-book according as it is neat, clean, and well written, and on each Drawing-book or single Drawing according to the correctness of the work. Maximum—100, to include all books.
8. For Collections of Flowers, Fruits, &c., the remarks should show whether work is incomplete and not neat, or is perfect and well arranged. Similar remarks should be made on Needle-work and other Handi-works. Needle-work to be reported on by the Mother; other subjects to be reported on by the Father, or outside Friend. The maximum of 100 signifies that all kinds of work are thoroughly well done.
9. Scale of marks to be followed in all subjects:

Highest Marks, in each Subject,	100.
Fairly Good Marks	" 75.
Fair Average "	" 65.
Below the Average "	50 and under.

10. Answers to be written on Cambridge or foolscap paper, and on one side of the paper only.
11. A blank sheet of paper to be fastened on the front of each child's set of answers bearing name and class.
12. Their examinations should afford moral training to the children, and should be conducted with absolute probity. Worry and excitement should be discouraged. Order, quietness, and cheerfulness should be maintained.
13. The questions must not be read beforehand to the children.

N.B.—The examination of the papers takes about six weeks.

Examination Papers (*only*) marked *P. R. S.* to be posted on Saturday,.....to

THE SECRETARY,

THE HOUSE OF EDUCATION,

AMBLESIDE.

“Parents’ Review” School.

EXAMINATION REGULATIONS.

1. Examination to occupy a full school week. Each subject to be examined upon in its own time. In Classes i. and ii., each subject to last from 5 to 10 minutes in one day; in Class iii. and upwards, to last the time allowed in the time-table. Examination to begin on December 15th.
2. *Recitations* (English), two each day, to be heard by the Father when convenient, he giving marks, from 1 to 5, for each piece.
3. The Parents should, if possible, be present at the oral parts of the examination.
4. When selections have to be made, as “Describe four” (out of twenty), “Narrate three” (out of twelve), the several lists should be given to the Father, who will mark in three or four to be taken.
5. In Classes i. and ii., Mother or Governess writes down the Narratives, French Recitations, &c., in the child’s words; in iib., the child writes down the account himself, in *pencil*; in iii., iv., and over, in *ink*.
6. Their examinations should afford moral training to the children, and should be conducted with absolute probity. Worry and excitement should be discouraged. Order, quietness, and cheerfulness, should be maintained.
7. The questions must not be read beforehand to the children.
8. Kindly let the packing in which the children’s work comes be stamped and addressed on the other side for return.

Parcels to be posted on December 19th, to

BELLE VUE,
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Parents' National Educational Union.

MOTHERS' EDUCATIONAL COURSE.

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The examinations will fall twice a year—the first week in *June* and the first week in *December* ; when examination papers will be sent to the students.

The examination on Human Physiology and Hygiene will be for the diploma of the *National Health Society*.

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Members of the Mothers' Educational Course must take in the "Parents' Review" (6d. monthly. The Secretary, P. N. E. U. Office, 28, Victoria Street, London, S.W.)

Fees should be paid to Miss Mason's account at the Bank of Messrs. Wakefield & Crewdson, Ambleside.